

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

DEPUTY

TIFFANY WELLS,

Plaintiff,

-vs-

CREDIT PROTECTION ASSOCIATION,

Defendant.

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\* Case No:

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**COMPLAINT**

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**JURISDICTION**

Jurisdiction of this court arises under 28 U.S.C. 1331 and pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 1681 et seq, and pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 1367 for pendent state law claims. This action arises out of Defendant's violations of the Fair Credit Reporting Act., 15 U.S.C. 1681, et seq' ("FCRA")

**PARTIES**

Plaintiff, Tiffany Wells., is a natural person residing in the State of California, County Of San Diego. Plaintiffs address is 404 Aguila st, Carlsbad , California 92008.

Defendant Credit Protection Association , does business in Texas and California, and mailing address is 13355 Noel Rd Ste 2100 Dallas ,Tx.75240 The Registered Agent is CT Corporation System and its address is 350 North St. Paul St., Ste. 2900 Dallas Tx. 75201

**VENUE**

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Venue is proper in this district because the acts and transactions occurred here, and the Defendants transact business here.

### **FACTS**

In Feb 2011, After viewing Plaintiff's credit report . Plaintiff noticed a collection listed by the Credit Protection Association. Doubting the veracity and accuracy of this listing Plaintiff initiated a dispute via Experian's Online Consumer Dispute Resolution interface. Defendant reported this information as verified to Defendant Experian

Despite Plaintiff's request for reinvestigation, and never having actually been provided verification, Defendants continued to list this debt on Plaintiffs Credit report.

Defendant Credit Protection Association furnished inaccurate information about this debt, namely that said account was disputed by the Plaintiff in violation FCRA 623(a) and 15 USC 1681s-2(b). Defendant Credit Protection Associations also was aware of the disputed nature of said accounts and failed to ensure that said accounts were accurately reported.

As a result of the Defendants activities or lack thereof the Plaintiff has suffered loss of self-esteem and peace of mind, and has suffered emotional distress, humiliation and embarrassment, and defamation of Credit.

The acts and omissions of the Defendants and its representatives, employees and or agents constitute numerous and multiple violations of the FCRA.

All actions taken by employees, agents, servants, or representatives of any type for Defendant were taken in the line and scope of such individuals' (or entities') employment, agency, or representation.

Defendants' actions - engaging in a pattern and practice of wrongful and unlawful behavior, i.e. reporting false and inaccurate information - were malicious, wanton, reckless, intentional or willful, and performed with the desire to harm Plaintiff, with the knowledge that their actions would very likely harm Plaintiff, and that their actions were

taken in violation of the law.

The actions, omissions, misrepresentations, and violations of the FCRA, federal law, and state law by Defendants, regarding the Plaintiff's disputed account, as described herein, constitute harassment which has resulted in the negligent and intentional infliction of mental and emotional distress upon Plaintiff proximately causing Plaintiff to suffer severe mental distress, mental and physical pain, embarrassment, and humiliation of which Plaintiff will in the future continue to suffer.

### **FCRA CLAIMS**

Plaintiff incorporates by reference all previous paragraphs.

In the entire course of their actions, Defendant willfully and/or negligently violated multiple provisions of the FCRA in one or more of the following respects:

a. By willfully and/or negligently failing to comport with reinvestigation procedures listed by the FCRA

Taking illegal actions against Plaintiffs

- b. Refusing to properly update Plaintiffs' accounts;
- c. Failing to show the accounts as being "disputed" by Plaintiffs; and
- d. Reporting the invalid debt on Plaintiffs' credit reports.

The foregoing acts and omissions were undertaken by Defendant willfully, intentionally, and knowingly as part of their routine debt collection business and/or in gross reckless disregard for Plaintiffs' rights.

As a result of the above violations of the FCRA, Defendant is liable to Plaintiff for a declaratory judgment that their conduct violated the FCRA, and Plaintiffs' actual damages, statutory damages, and punitive damages.

**FDCPA**

Plaintiff incorporates by reference all previous paragraphs.

In the entire course of their actions, Defendant willfully and/or negligently violated multiple provisions of the FDCPA in one or more respects.

The foregoing acts and omissions were undertaken by Defendant willfully, intentionally, and knowingly as part of their routine debt collection business and/or in gross reckless disregard for the Plaintiffs' rights.

As a result of the above violations of the FDCPA, Defendant is liable to Plaintiff for a declaratory judgment that their conduct violated the FDCPA, and Plaintiffs' actual damages, statutory damages, and punitive damages.

**NEGLIGENT, RECKLESS AND WANTON CONDUCT**

Plaintiff incorporates herein by reference paragraphs all previous paragraphs.

Defendant's acts, as described herein, were done so negligently and without care or concern for the well-being of the Plaintiff.

As a proximate consequence of the defendant's negligence, Plaintiff has been caused to suffer severe emotional and mental distress, and Defendant is liable to Plaintiff for actual, compensatory, and punitive damages, costs, and any other and further relief deemed appropriate by this Court.

### **HARASSMENT**

Plaintiffs incorporate by reference all previous paragraphs

Defendants' acts, as described herein, were done so intentionally, maliciously, and willfully, and without care or concern for Plaintiffs well being. The Defendant's harassing collection tactics, and/or refusal to assure the accuracy of the information published regarding the Plaintiff, created a hostile environment for Plaintiff.

As a proximate consequence of the Defendant's harassment, Plaintiff has been caused to suffer severe emotional and mental distress, and Defendant is liable to Plaintiffs for actual, compensatory, and punitive damages, costs and any other further relief deemed appropriate by this Court.

### **INVASION OF PRIVACY**

Plaintiffs incorporate by reference all previous paragraphs.

Defendant's conduct, as described herein, constitutes an invasion of Plaintiffs' privacy in that it intrudes into Plaintiff private life, publishes private facts regarding Plaintiffs, and places Plaintiff in a false light in the eyes of those to whom the publications are made.

Defendant's actions were done maliciously, without privilege, and with a willful intent to injure Plaintiff.

As a proximate consequence of the Defendant's invasion of Plaintiffs privacy, Plaintiff has been caused to suffer severe emotional and mental distress, and the Defendants is liable to Plaintiff for actual, compensatory, and punitive damages, costs and any other and further relief deemed appropriate by this Court.

### **DEFAMATION**

Plaintiffs incorporate by reference herein all previous paragraphs

Defendants published false information about Plaintiff by reporting to one or more of the CRAs, or other third parties, namely failing to notate the disputed nature of the account.

Likewise, Defendants published false information about Plaintiff each time Plaintiff's credit report was accessed - which was the result intended by Defendant.

The publications and defamations were done maliciously, without privilege, and with a willful intent to injure the Plaintiff.

As a proximate consequence of Defendants' false reporting or publishing, Plaintiffs has been caused to suffer severe emotional and mental distress, and Defendants are liable to Plaintiffs for actual, compensatory, and punitive damages, costs and any other and further relief deemed appropriate by this Court.

#### **INTENTIONAL MISREPRESENTATION**

Plaintiffs incorporate by reference all previous paragraphs.

Defendants intentionally, maliciously, recklessly and/or negligently misrepresented material facts in that they falsely represented to others that Plaintiff is a deadbeat and does not dispute the aforementioned accounts.

Defendants intend that those who review the credit reports of the Plaintiff will rely upon the misrepresentations and suppressions of material fact related to the mentioned accounts.

Defendant's intended that the justifiable and reasonable reliance by others would adversely affect the Plaintiff.

As a proximate consequence the Defendants' intentional misrepresentation, Plaintiff has been caused to suffer severe emotional and mental distress, and Defendants are liable to

Plaintiff for actual, compensatory, and punitive damages, costs and any other and further relief deemed appropriate by this Court.

**PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully requests that judgment be entered against the Defendant for the following:

- (a) actual damages.
- (b) Statutory damages
- (c) costs and reasonable fees
- (d) punitive damages
- (e) For such other relief as the court may deem just and proper.

Tiffany Wells/Pro Se:

404 Aguila St

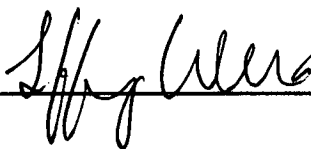
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**DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

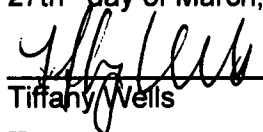
Please take note that Plaintiff demands trial by jury in this action.

Date: 3/27/11

Signature: 

**VERIFICATION**

I, Tiffany Wells, do declare under penalty of perjury as delineated in 28 USC 1746 that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. Executed this 27th<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2011 in the State of California, County of San Diego, City of Carlsbad..

  
Tiffany Wells  
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JS 44 (Rev. 12/07)

**CIVIL COVER SHEET**

The JS 44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. (SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE REVERSE OF THE FORM.)

**I. (a) PLAINTIFFS**

Tiffany Wells

**DEFENDANTS**

Credit Protection Association

(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff San Diego

(EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)

County of Residence of First Listed Defendant Dallas

(IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)

NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE LAND INVOLVED.

(c) Attorney's (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number)

Attorneys (If Known)

**II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION** (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- ☐ 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff
- ☒ 3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party)
- ☐ 2 U.S. Government Defendant
- ☒ Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)

**III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES** (Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff and One Box for Defendant)

- Citizen of This State ☐ 1 PTF ☐ 1 DEF ☐ 1 Incorporated or Principal Place of Business In This State
- Citizen of Another State ☐ 2 PTF ☐ 2 DEF ☐ 2 Incorporated and Principal Place of Business In Another State
- Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country ☐ 3 PTF ☐ 3 DEF ☐ 3 Foreign Nation

**IV. NATURE OF SUIT** (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

CONTRACT	TORTS	FORFEITURE/PENALTY	BANKRUPTCY	OTHER STATUTES
<input type="checkbox"/> 110 Insurance <input type="checkbox"/> 120 Marine <input type="checkbox"/> 130 Miller Act <input type="checkbox"/> 140 Negotiable Instrument <input type="checkbox"/> 150 Recovery of Overpayment & Enforcement of Judgment <input type="checkbox"/> 151 Medicare Act <input type="checkbox"/> 152 Recovery of Defaulted Student Loans (Excl. Veterans) <input type="checkbox"/> 153 Recovery of Overpayment of Veteran's Benefits <input type="checkbox"/> 160 Stockholders' Suits <input type="checkbox"/> 190 Other Contract <input type="checkbox"/> 195 Contract Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 196 Franchise	<b>PERSONAL INJURY</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 310 Airplane <input type="checkbox"/> 315 Airplane Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 320 Assault, Libel & Slander <input type="checkbox"/> 330 Federal Employers' Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 340 Marine <input type="checkbox"/> 345 Marine Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 350 Motor Vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> 355 Motor Vehicle Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 360 Other Personal Injury <b>PERSONAL INJURY</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 362 Personal Injury - Med. Malpractice <input type="checkbox"/> 365 Personal Injury - Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 368 Asbestos Personal Injury Product Liability <b>PERSONAL PROPERTY</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 370 Other Fraud <input type="checkbox"/> 371 Truth in Lending <input type="checkbox"/> 380 Other Personal Property Damage <input type="checkbox"/> 385 Property Damage Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 610 Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> 620 Other Food & Drug <input type="checkbox"/> 625 Drug Related Seizure of Property 21 USC 881 <input type="checkbox"/> 630 Liquor Laws <input type="checkbox"/> 640 R.R. & Truck <input type="checkbox"/> 650 Airline Regs. <input type="checkbox"/> 660 Occupational Safety/Health <input type="checkbox"/> 690 Other <b>LABOR</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 710 Fair Labor Standards Act <input type="checkbox"/> 720 Labor/Mgmt. Relations <input type="checkbox"/> 730 Labor/Mgmt. Reporting & Disclosure Act <input type="checkbox"/> 740 Railway Labor Act <input type="checkbox"/> 790 Other Labor Litigation <input type="checkbox"/> 791 Empl. Ret. Inc. Security Act <b>IMMIGRATION</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 462 Naturalization Application <input type="checkbox"/> 463 Habeas Corpus - Alien Detainee <input type="checkbox"/> 465 Other Immigration Actions	<input type="checkbox"/> 422 Appeal 28 USC 158 <input type="checkbox"/> 423 Withdrawal 28 USC 157 <b>PROPERTY RIGHTS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 820 Copyrights <input type="checkbox"/> 830 Patent <input type="checkbox"/> 840 Trademark <b>SOCIAL SECURITY</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 861 HIA (1395ff) <input type="checkbox"/> 862 Black Lung (923) <input type="checkbox"/> 863 DIWC/DIWW (405(g)) <input type="checkbox"/> 864 SSID Title XVI <input type="checkbox"/> 865 RSI (405(g)) <b>FEDERAL TAX SUITS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 870 Taxes (U.S. Plaintiff or Defendant) <input type="checkbox"/> 871 IRS—Third Party 26 USC 7609	<input type="checkbox"/> 400 State Reapportionment <input type="checkbox"/> 410 Antitrust <input type="checkbox"/> 430 Banks and Banking <input type="checkbox"/> 450 Commerce <input type="checkbox"/> 460 Deportation <input type="checkbox"/> 470 Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 480 Consumer Credit <input type="checkbox"/> 490 Cable/Sat TV <input type="checkbox"/> 810 Selective Service <input type="checkbox"/> 850 Securities/Commodities/Exchange <input type="checkbox"/> 875 Customer Challenge 12 USC 3410 <input type="checkbox"/> 890 Other Statutory Actions <input type="checkbox"/> 891 Agricultural Acts <input type="checkbox"/> 892 Economic Stabilization Act <input type="checkbox"/> 893 Environmental Matters <input type="checkbox"/> 894 Energy Allocation Act <input type="checkbox"/> 895 Freedom of Information Act <input type="checkbox"/> 900 Appeal of Fee Determination Under Equal Access to Justice <input type="checkbox"/> 950 Constitutional of State Statutes
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**V. ORIGIN**

(Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- ☒ 1 Original Proceeding ☐ 2 Removed from State Court ☐ 3 Remanded from Appellate Court ☐ 4 Reinstated or Reopened ☐ 5 Transferred from another district (specify) ☐ 6 Multidistrict Litigation ☐ 7 Appeal to District Judge from Magistrate Judgment

**VI. CAUSE OF ACTION**Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing (Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity): 28:1331

Brief description of cause:

Violation of FCRA

**VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:**☐ CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER F.R.C.P. 23

DEMAND \$

CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint:

JURY DEMAND: ☐ Yes ☐ No**VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY**

(See instructions):

JUDGE

DOCKET NUMBER

DATE

SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD

3/27/11

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MAG. JUDGE